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UJELANG COUNCIL

UJELANG, MARSHALL ISLANDS

May 14, 1973

Honorable Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear High Commissioner Johnston:

Attached to this letter you will find a resolution from the people of Ujelang, formerly the residents of Eniwetak atoll in the Marshall Islands. The resolution asks that the Department of Defense, and only the Department of Defense, be in charge of the clean up and rehabilitation of our home atoll of Eniwetak.

Since regular communication is not available to Ujelang atoll, we ask that you direct any response to our resolution to our attorneys -- Micronesian Legal Services, Box 376, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960.

Sincerely yours,

Smith Gideon

Smith Gideon, Magistrate

cc: Secretary of Defense
Secretary of Interior

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RESOLUTION

OF THE

PEOPLE OF ENIWETAK

Because the rehabilitation and restoration of Eniwetak Atoll is the utmost importance to the future well being of the people of Eniwetak; and

Because the resettlement of the People of Eniwetak Atoll at the earliest possible time is greatly desired; and

Because it is the considered opinion of the People of Eniwetak that the Department of Defense is better able to clean, rehabilitate and reconstruct the Atoll than the Trust Territory and Department of Interior; and

Because one single government agency can best organize and control the rehabilitation project;

Now therefore it is resolved that the People of Eniwetak respectfully request the United States Government to designate the Department of Defense to carry out the responsibility of rehabilitation, restoration of Eniwetak Atoll and resettlement of the People in cooperation with the People of Eniwetak;

It is further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior and the High Commissioner.

I, Smith Gideon, Magistrate of the People of Eniwetak, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the leaders and by the People of Eniwetak and was duly adopted this 16 day of April, 1973, at Ujelang Atoll.

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RESOLUTION
EO KIN

ARMIJ IN ENEWETAK

Kinke kalek im kokomonmone ailin an Eniwetak non an tobar kar emon im karbob eo an ej men eo elap tokjen im aurok tata non jukjuk im bed am nae ilju im jeklaj eo am; im

Kinke jeblak lok in an armij in Eniwetak non ailin in Eniwetak en juon jeblak eo im enaj mokaj kitien einwot ke armij in Eniwetak re lukun ikdrelel in tobar ailin eo air; im

Ekkar non lomnak im konan eo an armij in Eniwetak bwe ra eo im ej bok edron bukot ainemon (Department of Defense) ej eo eo emon im maron in naj karreoik, kokmonmon im kalek ailin en emonlok jen Trust Territory im Department of Interior; im

Kinke elane juon wot ra in juon kien enaj bok erron inem enaj lukun emon an kaok kilen jerbal in kalek in; im

Menin en bin bwe armij in Eniwetak ren kajitok lok iben kien eo an America (United States Government) bwe en kemalim ak jiton Department of Defense bwe en bok erron program in kalek ailin in Eniwetak im bareinwot en bok erron bed in ekal an dri Eniwetak ekkar non aikuij im karok ko an dri Eniwetak;;

Menin en bin bwe pepa in kien in en wor an President eo an United States, Secretary en an Defense, Secretary en an Interior im High Commissioner.

Na, Smith Gideon komja eo an armij in Eniwetak ij kamol ke emoj an dri tel to im aolep armij in Eniwetak etale im kwo-weppen kien in.

Kar bok mantak kien non Council bwe en lemnak kake rainin 16 ran in APRIL, 1973.

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